

Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Ed:

Thanks for the memorandum which I read with interest. In addition to Jim Miller and Will Ball, I've taken the liberty of sharing your thoughts with other members of the staff. I'll be in touch.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Edwin J. Feulner, Jr.
President
Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
Dan Crippen w/copy of incoming
Ken Cribb w/copy of incoming
Gary Bauer w/copy of incoming
Frank Donatelli w/copy of incoming

Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your kind messages.

I certainly enjoyed Malcolm's party, and I was pleased to see you there. I am delighted to sign these photos for you.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John H. Ewing
Senator of the State of New Jersey
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Enclosures: 2 Photos

Santa Barbara
August 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Barr:

Thank you for your gracious letter. I'm
delighted to sign the photo for you, and I
send my best wishes for your continued
success.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Robert L. Barr, Jr.
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U.S. Department of Justice
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Enclosure: Photo

Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Lyn:

Thank you for your letter recommending Ambassador Joe Rodgers for appointment as Secretary of Commerce. I appreciated hearing from you, and I assure you that your recommendation received full consideration.

As you know, the President has nominated William Verity, Jr. to serve in this important post. I hope Bill will have your support as he assumes the helm at the Department of Commerce at this critical time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Harvey M. Meyerhoff
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Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

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Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Paul:

Thank you and those who joined with you for your July 30 letter regarding the selection of the new Secretary of Commerce. I appreciated hearing from you and having the benefit of your views.

I hope that the President's choice of William Verity, Jr. to this important post meets with your approval. Like Mac Baldrige before him, Bill will work diligently to expand international markets and will oppose protectionist measures that threaten to reverse the progress this Administration has made in promoting worldwide economic growth.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Paul M. Weyrich
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Washington, D.C. 20002

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Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Henson:

I received your note, and I'm sorry we missed talking on the phone. I assure you that your willingness to serve as Secretary of Commerce was very much appreciated, and that your name came up often during the arduous selection process.

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Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable W. Henson Moore
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Washington, D.C. 20004-2404

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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your useful letter on tungsten that set out quite clearly the problems facing this industry as a result of imports from the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Last week, the President instructed the U.S. Trade Representative to negotiate an orderly marketing agreement (OMA) with the Chinese. This remedy is in line with the International Trade Commission's recommendation while addressing the problem of circumvention. As further protection to the industry, the President decided to impose quantitative restrictions on imports of ammonium paratungstate and tungstic acid if the negotiations fail.

I understand that the industry's preliminary reaction to this decision has been favorable. We will continue to work with the industry through the negotiating process to assure a successful outcome.

Again, thank you for writing me on this important matter. I am very grateful for your support now as in the past.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Washington, D.C. 20007

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August 20, 1987

Dear Jim:

Thanks for enclosing the editorial which you sent to 93 major newspapers. This is an excellent piece which will certainly make a difference. I'm sharing it with the team we've assembled at the White House on the nomination, and I'm sure your editorial will be helpful to them.

It was fun seeing you, Jayne and Samantha. I hope you have received the photos by now.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable James R. Thompson
Governor of Illinois
Springfield, IL 62706

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cc: ✓ Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
✓ Will Ball w/incoming
✓ Frank Donatelli w/incoming

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August 20, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recommendation letter in behalf of Greer C. Tidwell for Southeast Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

We just received Jack Ravan's resignation and your recommendation is very timely. I have asked Bob Tuttle's Office to be in touch with Mr. Tidwell so that he can be given every consideration for this position.

I appreciate your writing and bringing Mr. Tidwell to my personal attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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August 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Soberano:

Thank you for your letter of July 10, 1987 regarding Dr. Jan Pillai.

As you know, Dr. Pallai was appointed to his current position at FERC at the recommendation of Bob Tuttle, the Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel. There are at the present time, no PAS-level political positions available that are appropriate for Dr. Pillai. The White House has given Dr. Pillai every appropriate consideration for new opportunities as they arise, and will continue to do so.

However, you must realize that there are numerous deserving individuals who, like Dr. Pillai, still seek further appointments to the Administration. The demand for jobs far exceeds the number of positions that are now available.

I hope this is helpful in providing a better understanding of this difficult situation. Thank you for your continued interest in, and support of, the President.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Rawlein G. Soberano
President
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Civil Rights Alliance
Post Office Box 1192
Washington, D.C. 20013

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Chief of Staff to the President

Dr. Kanneth K. Sugarthan
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National Association of Americans
of Asian Indian Descent
39 Ross Hall Boulevard, South
Piscataway, NJ 08854

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August 20, 1987

Dear Marilyn:

I know that your decision to retire from the Congress was not one easily reached, and it is one which you will probably question from time to time. Nevertheless, let me assure you that life after Congress can be most refreshing and enjoyable, particularly when you are blessed, as we are, with a home to return to like Tennessee.

I know your family and friends will enjoy having you home more, but your colleagues here will miss your gracious presence in the Congress. You have contributed much to your community, your State, and your Nation in your years of public service, and I want you to know how much I have personally enjoyed working with you. You have my best wishes for continued success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Marilyn Lloyd
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

cc: Alan Kranowitz - FYI

Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Dean Brown:

Thank you for taking the time to write. It is good to hear from you, and I appreciate your warm words of support.

I am especially pleased to learn about the management assistance project which has significantly improved the operation of Fisk University. Congratulations on your success! I will circulate your material to appropriate offices within the Administration for their review.

Again, thank you for sending the proposal. Please accept my warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Dean Wayne Brown
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Nashville, TN 37212-5740

P.S. All the best to Lamar.

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cc: OMB with incoming for further response

Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Chalmers:

It was a pleasure receiving your gracious letter. It's a great privilege to help this President accomplish his agenda, and the job's a lot easier with friendship and support like yours.

Thanks again for the encouragement.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Chalmers P. Wylie
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Santa Barbara
August 20, 1987

Dear Reverend Schuller:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I am grateful for its inspiration and especially for your prayerful support.

Although I cannot respond in an equally lyrical voice, please accept my appreciation for your spiritual remembrance and my best wishes to all who are in your pastoral care.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Reverend Robert H. Schuller
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Dear Mrs. Lowry:

I am sorry to learn about the death of your son, Rickey McDowell, while attempting to save the life of a fellow worker.

I want you to know how much I valued Rickey's efforts as a volunteer in my 1972 campaign. Were it not for the assistance and enthusiasm of so many young people like your son, the outcome of that race would have been far less certain. I share your grief in the loss of such a fine young man. Please convey my deep sympathy to his wife and daughter.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Shirli Lowry
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Memphis, TN 38118

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August 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Boardman:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the President reconsider his position with regard to Federal funding for Amtrak. I apologize for the delay in responding.

You are correct in stating that Amtrak has made considerable progress during the Reagan Administration toward decreasing its dependence on Federal subsidies. However, the Administration continues to believe that Federal subsidies to Amtrak are not justified. Amtrak has cost the Federal government over \$12 billion since Amtrak was established in 1972. In 1986 the estimated average subsidy per Amtrak passenger was \$27. This huge Federal expenditure has subsidized mostly middle- to upper-income citizens. For example, Amtrak admits that a sizable portion of Northeast Corridor passengers have incomes of \$40,000 a year or more and that one third of these passengers have had post-graduate studies. These people do not need the subsidy that is provided them through Amtrak. In addition, despite Amtrak's virtual monopoly of intercity passenger rail transportation, Amtrak carries less than 0.5 percent of intercity passenger travel.

The President's 1988 Budget proposes to dispose of some or all of Amtrak's assets to one or more private sector companies. If Congress approves this proposal, such transactions would be designed to preserve viable intercity rail passenger service. In our view, this free market approach is preferable to the current process that maintains uneconomical routes.

Again, thanks for setting aside the time to send me your thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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August 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Marks:

Thank you for your kind invitation to speak to the
Ambassadors Roundtable in September.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule will not
permit me to do so at that time, but please contact
Lura Nell Mitchell on my staff to work out a possible
date in the future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Leonard H. Marks
Chairman
Executive Committee
Foreign Policy Association
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New York, NY 10019

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

cc: Lura Nell -

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Dear Mr. Fressie:

Thank you for your message regarding the position of Secretary of Commerce. You may be sure that your recommendation was valued and that it did receive every consideration.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John A. Fressie
President
Director General
Reese Finer Foods, Inc.
495 River Street
Paterson, NJ 07524

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Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Nicholas M. Evans
President
Consumer Products Group
Bristol-Myers Company
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New York, NY 10154

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Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. R. Gary Wilson
Director
Corporate Government Affairs
PPG Industries, Inc.
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Dear Senator Gillmor:

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Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Mr. Hardwick:

Thank you for your letter informing me of your invitation to the President to participate in a New Jersey fundraiser in September or October. I will discuss this matter with the appropriate White House officials, including Frank Donatelli. You can be sure your request will be given every consideration.

Regarding my own availability for this event, I must tell you that my schedule is especially heavy during those two months. If the President is unable to attend, I will consider your kind invitation, but it's unlikely that my schedule will allow a trip to New Jersey at that time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Chuck Hardwick
Speaker of the Assembly of

Santa Barbara

August 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Germany:

It is always a pleasure to hear from the people of Tennessee, and I appreciate your taking the time to write. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The President is committed to a strong Navy and a strong nation. The importance of our military installations to the surrounding community is well recognized by both civilian and military leaders.

Secretary Webb has assured me of his commitment to the Millington area, and of his appreciation for the sincerity and depth of feeling that concerned leaders like you have shown on this complex matter. He is continuing to intensely work on this issue with the Tennessee Congressional delegation in order to arrive at a balanced and acceptable solution.

Your interest in this matter is reflective of a loyal, conscientious Tennessean. I am grateful for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Santa Barbara
August 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Wanserske:

Thank you for your letter requesting literature for the Republican Booth at the Antelope Valley Fair. I appreciate your interest in writing, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Peter M. Wanserske
President
Antelope Valley Republican Assembly
Post Office Box 1133
Lancaster, CA 93534

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Dear Mr. McNair:

Thank you for your message regarding the position of Secretary of Commerce. You may be sure that your recommendation was valued and that it did receive every consideration.

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Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. James P. Schadt

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Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Howard:

Thank you for your letter recommending Zack Thompson for appointment to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors and enclosing a copy of his resume.

I'm happy to circulate the resume along with your comments to everyone in the decision-making chain. I appreciate your input on this very important appointment, and you can be sure Mr. Thompson will be given every consideration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Howard G. Swafford
Swafford & Swafford
32 Courthouse Square

Santa Barbara

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Dear Steve:

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Dear Mr. Pierce:

Thank you very much for your letter urging that the President not issue a national finding permitting the export of North Slope natural gas.

The President's Economic Policy Council met in late July to consider the issue of exporting natural gas from the North Slope. The Council agreed that before making any recommendations to the President, we should honor the Canadian Government's request to enter into consultations. The Canadians have expressed concerns about how the Trans Alaska Natural Gas (TAGs) project might affect the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System (ANGST).

Once the consultations are completed, probably during the fall, the Economic Policy Council will consider again the issue of exporting North Slope natural gas. The Council at that time will take a number of factors into consideration, including the Canadian concerns and the importance of developing our natural resources.

Again, thank you for writing.

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Dear Mr. Withers:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 1987, concerning your proposal to produce an educational video promoting patriotism and freedom.

I understand that the White House Counsel's office wrote to you on June 11, 1987, concerning your request for permission to use portions of an MCA record album, originally produced approximately 20 years ago, featuring narration by Ronald Reagan.

Best of luck in your efforts. I appreciate your thinking of me and taking the time to inform me of your project.

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Dear Mr. Hooper:

Thank you for your letter of July 13 in which you suggested points that the President could use in his address to the Nation.

If you watched the President's speech last night, you heard him make some of the very points you mentioned in your letter. For your interest and information, I am enclosing a copy of that speech.

Again, thanks for your letter and also for letting me have the benefit of your views.

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Mr. R. W. Hooper

Santa Barbara

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Dear Marilyn:

I know that your decision to retire from the Congress was not one easily reached, and it is one which you will probably question from time to time. Nevertheless, let me assure you that life after Congress can be most refreshing and enjoyable, particularly when you are blessed, as we are, with a home to return to like Tennessee.

I know your family and friends will enjoy having you home more, but your colleagues here will miss your gracious presence in the Congress. You have contributed much to your community, your State, and your Nation in your years of public service, and I want you to know how much I have personally enjoyed working with you. You have my best wishes for continued success and happiness.

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trading system including areas of great interest to the United States: services, investment and intellectual property. Ambassador Yeutter has initiated a series of unfair trade cases against the European Community, Taiwan, Korea and Japan which have resulted in increased market access in these countries.

I hope, Jackson, that this quick overview gives you a better sense of the President's program and his team approach. We continue to count on your support in the months ahead.

With best wishes,

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Dear Jackson:

Thank you for your letter on the Roger Altman article that appeared in the New York Times recently. I appreciate you taking the time to give me your thoughts on the important linkages between trade and finance. We examine these issues almost daily at the White House and have identified many of your same points as criteria for the future economic health of this nation.

I believe that we are already taking the actions that Altman believes are important and that we are doing them pretty well. As you know, we are pressing the Congress to make the difficult decisions necessary to cut expenditures and bring the budget deficit under control. On the issue of the mark-yen relationship to the dollar, I believe Secretary Baker's efforts since the Plaza meeting have borne fruit. We are seeing a resurgence in exports, particularly in the industrial area. The Department of the Treasury is also working closely with the World Bank to channel Japan's increased contributions to the third world. The issue of protectionism occupies the entire Cabinet. The Economic Policy Council, chaired by Secretary Baker, meets often (two and three times a week) on trade matters. Right now, the trade bill is one of their highest priorities.

The Council depends heavily on our able special trade negotiator, Clayton Yeutter. Ambassador Yeutter, who has cabinet rank, has done an outstanding job over the past two years. He has aggressively launched a new round of multilateral negotiations that will bring discipline to the